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SHORTAGE OF FODDER
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is shortage of fodder in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the shortfall between demand and supply of fodder recorded in the country during the last three years and the current financial year, State-wise;

(c) the Central assistance provided to these States during the said period, State-wise; and

(d) the steps taken to meet the shortage of fodder?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASUMUDDIN)

(a): Yes, Sir,

(b) As per the report of the Working Group on Animal Husbandry & Dairying for the 10 Five Year Plan, the projected estimated shortfall between demand and supply of green fodder and dry fodder in million tones during the last three years and the current year in the country as a whole is given below:

In Million Tonnes

Year	Green fodder	Dry fodder
2004	629.2	125.0
2005	635.1	126.0
2006	641.0	128.0
2007	647.0	131.0

(c): The information is annexed.

(d): The following initiatives have been taken to meet the shortage of fodder:-

i) A Central Fodder Development Organization comprising of seven Regional Stations for Forage Production & Demonstration and one Central Fodder Seed Production Farm is continued for production of high yielding varieties of fodder seeds, training and demonstration on fodder production.
ii) Central Minikit Testing Programme is also continued for distribution of fodder seed minikits.
iii) A Centrally Sponsored Fodder Development Scheme with four components viz., establishment of Fodder Block Making Unit (25% Central subsidy), Grassland Development including grass reserves (100% Central grant), Fodder Seed production (75% Central grant on procurement of fodder seeds) and Biotechnology Research Project (100% Central grant) to provide assistance to the States to supplement their efforts for fodder development.